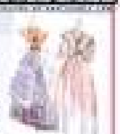
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THE GALOC field is expected to pump 20,000 barrels daily.

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Galoc starts producing oil

By Abigail L. Ho and TJ Burgonio

AFTER NUMEROUS DELAYS, THE GALOC OIL field off northwest Palawan has finally produced oil, boosting the country's hope to become 60-percent energy self-sufficient by 2010.

First discovered in 1981 and appraised in 1988, the Galoc field was left undeveloped due to the risks associated with its development and the then low price of oil.

Delays in the delivery of the first oil mean that its operators have missed this year's oil price rally. Global crude oil prices are now around $89 a barrel, well off highs near $150 a barrel in mid-July.

In a joint statement, Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes and Jeff Davison, chief operating officer of

GALOC/A11

Senate votes 16-4 to ratify RP-Japan deal

By Michael Lim Ubac

NO SOONER HAD THE SENATE VOTED 16-4 to ratify the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (Jpepa) than senators started mulling over a renegotiation of the terms of the trade deal.

Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago, chair of the foreign relations committee, yesterday said that the country could ask Japan for a renegotiation of the treaty after the "required period," or a year after its implementation.

"After one year, we can already notify that we are seeking amendments," Santiago, the principal sponsor of a resolution endorsing Jpepa's ratification, said at a

SENATE/A6

Perks for rich jailbirds

Reporters take a look at former solon's cell

By Miko Morelos

THE ROOM THAT served as Claudio Teehankee Jr.'s "halfway house" in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) is furnished with a 42-inch LCD television set, a queen-size bed and a refrigerator.

Members of the media were yesterday allowed into the vinyl-tiled room owned by former Zamboanga del Norte Rep. Romeo Jalosjos, a convicted child rapist who had become fast friends with Teehankee.

The room, one of Jalosjos' "developments" in the NBP complex, shielded the convicted murderer from the media until Wednesday night, when he quietly slipped out, walked through a candle workshop and hopped onto a motorbike that whisked him away.

Jalosjos' caretaker, who regularly cleans the room, allowed members of the media to check out what looked like a bachelor pad in which the TV set hooked to cable service stood out. (A popular appliance store in Alabang sells a similar TV set for about P150,000.)

The Inquirer noted an electric stove and a personal refrigerator, as well as the queen-size bed and its soft mattress.

There is also a small bathroom

PERKS/A20



THE WELL-FURNISHED air-conditioned room inside the NBP compound where Claudio Teehankee Jr. stayed. The room is reportedly the living-out quarters of former Zamboanga del Norte Rep. Romeo Jalosjos.



AN INMATE babysitting his daughter looks out behind the window bars of the maximum security compound at the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa.

Hypocrites, Gonzalez calls Hultmans



THIS HOUSE inside the NBP compound in Muntinlupa City reportedly belongs to former Zamboanga del Norte Rep. Romeo Jalosjos. Photo taken on Oct. 6, 1998.

By Dona Pazzibugan

JUSTICE SECRETARY RAUL Gonzalez yesterday said Vivian and Audrey Hultman were "hypocrites," and that the couple knew as far back as 1998 that their daughter's murderer would someday be paroled or pardoned and released from jail.

Gonzalez was reacting to the Sweden-based Hultmans' expressions of shock and anger after Claudio Teehankee Jr., the convicted murderer of their daughter Maureen, was granted executive clemency by President Macapagal-Arroyo without their knowledge.

HYPOCRITES/A11

Businessmen slam Palace mishandling of pardon

By Dazzle L. Lucas and Nikko Dizon

THE INFLUENTIAL MAKATI BUSINESS Club (MBC) yesterday criticized Malacañang's "mishandling" of the grant of executive clemency to Claudio Teehankee Jr., saying the move was symptomatic of the broader problem of lack of transparency hounding the Arroyo administration.

The MBC also said the arguments of Malacañang officials in support of Teehankee's release "betrayed a disturbing lack of respect for victims' rights and the public's right to information."

BUSINESSMEN/A10

PDIC supports P500K deposit insurance

By Doris C. Dumlao

OFFERING COMFORT TO DEPOSITORS unnerved by the massive banking meltdown in the United States and Europe, state-owned Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. (PDIC) has backed proposals to double the maximum deposit insurance coverage to P500,000, alongside fee-pronged reforms to strengthen its capability as a coregulator of the local banking system.

At the proposed P500,000 level of insured deposits, 97.2 percent of all deposit accounts

PDIC/A11

Markets want more action from rich nations

LONDON—THE WORLD'S LEADING finance ministers faced calls on Thursday for more united action after an emergency round of interest rate cuts and government support for ailing banks won only lukewarm support from financial markets.

The United States signaled it would consider buying into banks to help get frozen funds flowing again and governments in Europe moved to restore confidence in financial firms hit by the worst crisis since the 1930s.

South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan lowered their interest rates after coordinated cuts on Wednesday from six major central banks, including the US Federal Reserve.

The measures are designed to contain the market meltdown that has destroyed lenders from Wall Street to Iceland and left people worried about the security of their

MARKETS/A17

After scandal, AIG gets $37B more

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA—After its executives were castigated by the White House and lawmakers for spending $440,000 in a posh spa just days after getting a massive federal bailout, insurance giant American International Group (AIG) received another multibillion-dollar loan from the US central bank.

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday agreed to provide AIG with a loan of up to $37.8 billion, on top of one made to the troubled company last month.

Under the new program, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will borrow up to $37.8 billion in investment-grade, fixed income securities from AIG in return for cash collateral. These securities were previously lent by AIG's insurance company subsidiaries to

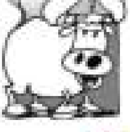
AIG GETS/A19

Irony of ironies: Communist giant may save capitalism

SYDNEY—A CARTOON ON the front page of Australia's national newspaper on Thursday neatly illustrates an irony admitted even by two of America's staunch allies, Australia and the Philippines—that communist China could save capitalism.

The cartoon shows a Chinese man in a Superman outfit rolling merrily that is a bankrupt, cigar-smoking Wall Street tycoon covering his nakedness in a barrel.

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Customs faces probe over tainted milk

Miriam tells Ombudsman toxic products were smuggled

THE OMBUDSMAN WILL INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE involvement of Bureau of Customs (BOC) officials in the smuggling of tainted China milk products into the country.

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A Glance at Taiwan

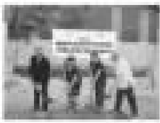




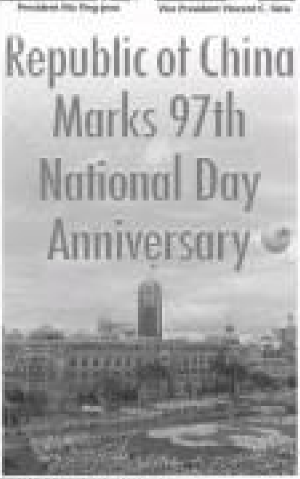
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DONALD C. T. LEE

Rise in tourist arrivals noted despite crisis

By [illegible]

DESPITE THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL crisis, more foreigners entered the country in September of this year compared to the same period last year.

Immigration Commissioner Marcelino Libanan said yesterday that there was an eight percent increase in the number of foreigners who arrived in the country this month.

Libanan said that a total of [illegible] foreigners arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airports and other ports of entry last month compared to the [illegible] who visited the country in September 2007.

Palace presses protest vs BBC show

MAGDALO TRIAL
Court rejects bid to have 2 Cabinet members testify

Correction

The Daily Gospel

Ethics probe awaits Villar in November

Kidnappers want P5M for aid worker

At 107, Coast Guard is seeking own identity

Enactment of renewable energy act seen



15 RP sailors freed; 67 still held captive

MANILA—PIRATES IN SOMALIA HAVE released 15 Filipino seamen and four other crewmen seized when a chemical tanker was hijacked nearly two months ago, but are still holding 67 other Filipino sailors, officials said Thursday.

A spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department, Claro Cristobal, said the seamen from the MT Irene, operated by a Japanese company were freed late Wednesday and were [illegible] in the United Arab Emirates.

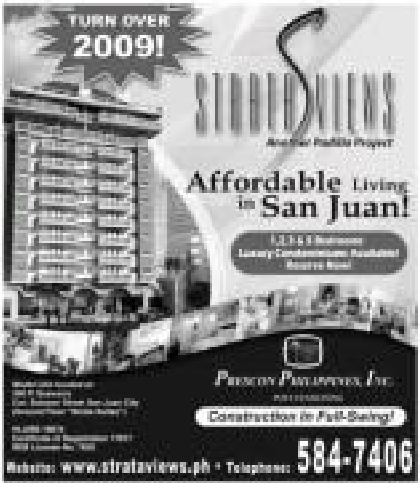
"All crew members are safe and sound despite the ordeal they have undergone," he said.

The Philippines, one of the largest suppliers of crewmen in the international shipping industry, has been hit hard by a sharp increase in the number of Somali pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden.

Four ships with 67 Filipino sailors remained in the hands of Somali pirates, including the MV Stella Maris, a Japanese-owned bulk carrier that was seized July 20, Cristobal said.

One Filipino sailor was killed when pirates in speed boats climbed aboard one of two Malaysian tankers last month, which have since been released.

The rise in piracy off Somali waters prompted Philippine Vice President Noli de Castro last month to call for added safeguards for Filipino sailors, including the option for them to disembark before entering "danger zones" such as the Gulf of Aden. *AP*





Roxas asks Palace to recast '09 budget

Short of recall

OFW remittances

Population explosion





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OPEN LETTER TO ALL SSS MEMBERS

On October 6, 2008 Philex Mining Corporation received the following communication from the SSS:


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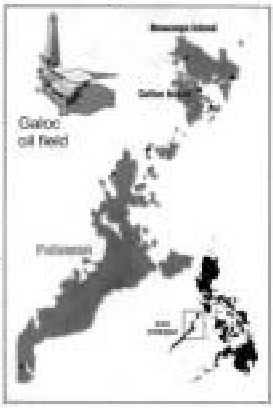
We, as members of the SSS, together with all other SSS members, should be concerned about the fact that Mr. Neri has expressed his intention to acquire Php6.2 billion worth of Philex shares at Php7.92 per share for SSS. Today's close of Philex shares was Php6.70 per share which means that SSS will be paying a premium of Php1.22 per share. By doing so, Mr. Neri will be spending almost a billion pesos more than what would be necessary if the shares were bought in the stock market.

We, as SSS members, express our utmost concern at this expressed intention of Mr. Neri. Why is he spending this huge amount of money when he can buy shares at the market at Php6.70 per share? Why is he insisting on throwing away SSS members' money? What is Mr. Neri's angle? We were warned early on when Mr. Neri was appointed President and CEO of SSS to "watch our money" and this warning now comes as a timely and appropriate reminder to all of us.

Mr. Neri says in his press release that he is protecting the interest of SSS members and exercising good corporate governance. Is throwing away almost a billion pesos of SSS money his concept of protecting us? On behalf of our members of the SSS and all other members, we strongly protest this action and put Mr. Neri on notice that if he insists on wasting our money, we will take appropriate legal action against him.

(Sgd.) CONCERNED EMPLOYEES OF PHILEX MINING CORPORATION FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SSS

Galoc starts producing oil–finally



8 percent of oil demand

Reduction in imported oil

PDIC supports P500,000 bank deposit insurance

Additional P45B

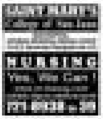
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Palace: Fuel price rollback not enough

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LETTERS

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No lawmakers in CER





2 MILF rebels surrender to military

GENERAL SANTOS City—Two Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels, one of them a ranking leader, surrendered to the military and yielded firearms and explosives on Wednesday.

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A WOMAN and her child in an evacuation center in Datu Piang, Maguindanao

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Europe's commitment

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2 women seeking amparo tell judge they're free

They chose to go home

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NEWSBRIEFS

China medicines seized

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Robbers strike anew

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NPA camp found

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Cyanide kills 2

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Baguio execs start talks on Marcos mansions

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Battle vs chemicals won't be fought on soil

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Soil scientists at the Benguet State University here are pushing the battle against the use of chemicals in farming through a technology that will remove a key component that keeps farmers dependent on the deadly farm input—soil.

They are encouraging farmers to try "soilless" agriculture, which was developed in Israel.

Though not really new, the technology promises to be the best alternative for upland vegetable farming that has been criticized for depending on soil that has become toxic. It combines the use of greenhouses and the scientific principles of "fertigation" (use of irrigation water in spreading fertilizer on land) and hydroponics (growing of plants in water with essential mineral nutrients rather than in soil).

Complete data on the process will be available next year after the university has completed its two-year experiment.

Potential vs chemicals

Based on harvests since 2007, the technology has shown potential of freeing Benguet's [illegible] vegetable farmers [illegible] from becoming overly dependent on commercial fertilizers and chemicals.

Soilless agriculture is one of the university's major developmental thrusts under its Semi-Temperate Vegetable and Research and Development Center. Vegetables will be cultured in alternative mediums—volcanic cinder [illegible], sand [illegible] along [illegible] and rice hulls [illegible] in varying combinations, said Mario Marquez, project leader.

These can be prepared on what the scientists call mapal beds, which are laid on the ground or suspended in air as hanging plots under controlled conditions.

Greenhouses will provide the controlled conditions to maintain and to defend against plant diseases.

"It's not purely hydroponics, but a little of it," Marquez said. "But in our case, the use of sand, which is still considered soil, makes the technology not purely hydroponics but more appropriately is soilless agriculture."

Plants will not grow if the alternative mediums do not have nutrients found in common farm soil.

"That's when fertigation comes in," Marquez said. "Through this process, nutrients and fertilizers are applied and fed into the plant medium through an irrigation system."

Simple method

Fertigation simply means "fertilization plus irrigation equals fertigation," said Marquez's research team, composed of fellow professors Alexander Pagsan, [illegible], Magdalena [illegible], Clay [illegible] and [illegible].

This is how the process works: Nutrient solutions and soluble fertilizers are diluted and mixed with water and placed in big and hard plastic containers. These are fed into the mapal beds through hoses (dripping). A computerized fertilization machine helps develop the correct nutrient management for each type of vegetable or crop.

The school's soilless farm is a [illegible]-square-meter lot and greenhouse in Barangay Balili. Initial results of experiments on four crops—bell pepper, tomato, lettuce (romaine variety) and honeydew watermelon—have been very encouraging.

Studies on strawberries also yielded good results, affirming views that the technology is suitable for high-value cash crops, Marquez said.

For the last two years, the farm has continuously yielded bell pepper for six months and tomatoes for seven months. Lettuce yielded five harvests and honeydew watermelon, two harvests.

Since 2007, the research team has harvested [illegible] kilograms of lettuce, [illegible] kg of bell pepper, [illegible] kg of tomatoes and [illegible] kg of honeydew melon per cropping. The bell pepper was sold at [illegible] a kg, tomato at [illegible], lettuce at [illegible] and watermelon at [illegible].

Return on investment

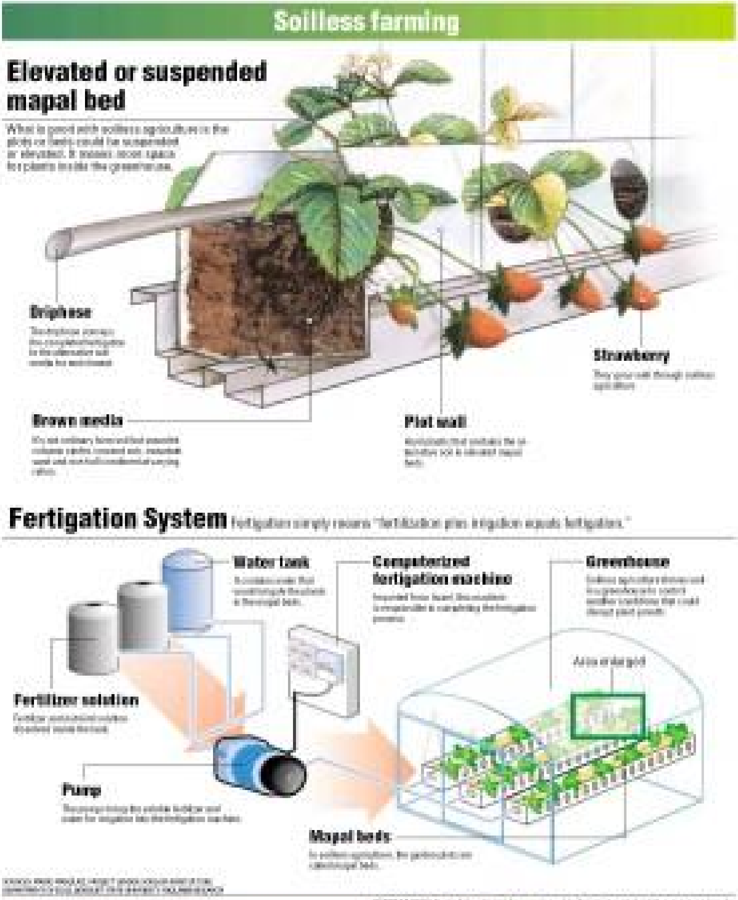
Marquez said the technology could be used to produce off-season crops. This explains why watermelon, which is not an upland product, was included in the studies.

Farmers may not be able to afford a greenhouse and an imported computerized fertigation machine, Marquez said, but in the long run, the return on investment would make them happy.

Also, quality crops are expected to be sold at high prices in the market, he said.

Compared to the crops cultivated under normal farm soil, soilless agriculture has shown bigger and better crop qualities, Marquez said. Farmers can now avoid the threat of acidic soil and contaminated water supply, he added.

With regards to the mediums, he said, business establishments in Mindanao are selling volcanic cinder, coco coir and white mountain sand, while rice hull is always available locally.



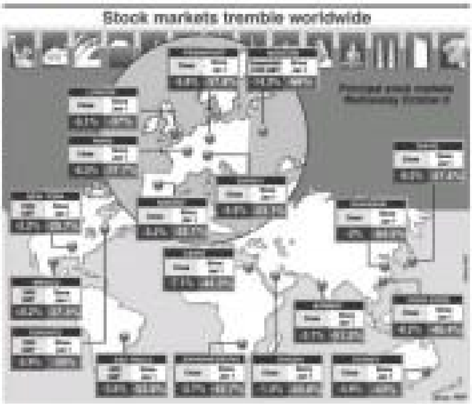
Markets want more action from rich nations



AIG gets $37B more

'Despicable'

3 execs summoned



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Hole in the wall

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Maguans oppose clemency for Rolito Go

Businessmen slam Palace mishandling of Teehankee pardon

Correct, but...

225 political prisoners

Only 7 of 31

Prominent recipients of executive clemency



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FORMER President Corazon Aquino visited a comatose Maureen Hultman at the Makati Medical Center. Behind her are Maureen's parents, Vivian and Anders. Maureen died three months after she was shot in the head by Claudio Teehankee Jr. on July 13, 1991. INQUIRER PHOTO

Hypocrites, Gonzalez calls Hultman couple

From page A1

"I don't think we have to fly to Sweden just to notify them," the justice secretary told reporters. "And they knew, based on this document, that this was going to happen. They're hypocrites."

The document, signed on Nov. 12, 1999, by the Hultmans and Teehankee, indicates a settlement of the convict's P6-million civil liability for Maureen's murder.

Copies of the document were distributed on Thursday to reporters in Malacañang.

Vivian admitted signing the document, but said the family did not necessarily agree to the eventual release of Maureen's murderer.

But Gonzalez argued, informing a victim's family about an impending pardon was "not a law" and "just [a] guideline" of the Board of Pardons and Parole.

He said allowing a victim's family to block a presidential pardon by interposing their objection would "be contradicting the power of the President under the Constitution" to pardon prisoners whose cases had received final judgment.

'No political advantage'

"All the processes have been fulfilled, contrary to the claim of the Hultmans," Gonzalez went on.

He said Ms Arroyo's decision to grant clemency to Teehankee—son and namesake of the late Chief Justice and elder brother of Ambassador Manuel Teehankee, the Philippine representative to the World Trade Organization in Geneva—was not politically motivated.

"There is no political advantage that the President stands to gain. What political clout does Teehankee have?" he said.

As far as Gonzalez was concerned, Teehankee could stay anywhere he wanted after he was officially released from custody on Oct. 3.

The justice secretary found nothing wrong in Teehankee's midnight release, or that he stayed at the "living-out quarters" of another high-profile inmate, convicted child rapist Romeo Jalosjos.

He said there was no rule against releasing pardoned prisoners at night or during weekends.

Gonzalez also said Teehankee could go anywhere he wanted, even abroad, because his pardon did not prohibit travel overseas.

Technically speaking

Malacañang continued on Thursday to take the heat off Ms Arroyo, with Press Secretary Jesus Dureza saying that Teehankee did not "technically" receive executive clemency but instead served his full prison term.

"The President technically did not pardon Teehankee under the laws," Dureza said in Filipino in an interview with DZMM radio. "His service of sentence, according to the computation, had been fully served out."

He said Ms Arroyo's role was limited to commuting Teehankee's sentence, supposedly because the convict's prison service, accompanied by good conduct time allowance, had qualified him for the privilege.



GONZALEZ: I don't think we have to fly to Sweden just to notify them.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita on Wednesday said Teehankee had served a total of 22 years, three months, and five days in prison by virtue of his supposed good behavior behind bars.

But his actual stay was only 17 years, two months, and nine days.

'Rules vs rich'

Dureza took a swipe at critics of Ms Arroyo's decision, suggesting that the issue was getting more public attention because it pitted "the rich versus the rich" in Teehankee and the Hultmans.

"What others seem to want is for someone to rot in jail even if he's already entitled to go home because he has paid for his crimes to society by serving his sentence," he said.

"And then if you are rich and you clashed with the rich as well, you're not supposed to be accorded the same privilege given to everybody else."

Vivian Hultman had earlier said the grant of clemency to Teehankee, of which her family was unaware, made her feel "embarrassed to be a Filipina."

Ermita's response: "I don't see whether the government still has to do anything to reach out to them... I don't think that is necessary."

Resolutions only

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio, the lead prosecutor who sent Teehankee to jail, had earlier said he would back any move by Congress to pass a law that would allow it to review the President's use of her executive clemency powers.

But according to Quezon City Rep. Matias Defensor, Congress cannot clip the President's power to grant executive clemency, but can pass resolutions expressing its sentiment on the use of that power.

Defensor, who chairs the House committee on justice, pointed out that under the Constitution, the President had the sole prerogative to release convicts.

But he said people unhappy with her decision were always free to criticize her.

"We just have to live with the President's decision although we can be very, very critical about it. But unless the Constitution is amended, her powers are almost limitless... I think criticism will always come about, but it's good to listen to everybody," Defensor said in an ambush interview at the Batasan. *With reports from Christian V. Esguerra and Leila B. Salaverria*

Panic grips consumers worldwide

CHICAGO—A LONDON BUSINESSman may have to put off his wedding. A Hong Kong housewife is too worried to make investments. A student in Slovenia sees an automobile loan fall out of reach. And a real estate agent in Chicago says she's just plain scared.

The worst financial crisis since the 1930s has become stark reality for millions of people around the globe as retirement savings evaporated, jobs disappeared, stock market values slipped again and a dramatic international cut in interest rates by central banks did little to ease three weeks of near panic.

Over the past 12 months, more than $12.4 trillion worth of global stock market wealth has been wiped out, as measured by the MSCI main world equity index. More than a third of that loss—about $4.6 trillion—has come in just the past three weeks, as credit market turmoil deepened after the bankruptcy of giant US investment bank Lehman Brothers.

What the International Monetary Fund termed a major downturn for the world economy is already evident to many.

"I'm scared, really scared," says Chicago real estate agent Cathy Ivich, 49.

"People have stopped buying houses. I've got a lot of buyers who have secure jobs or who have money, and I'm sure I could get them a loan. But they're just scared. Their feet are stuck."

Ivich has stopped going out to dinner and "all those canned goods in the pantry, we're trying to find a way to use them."

In London, 30-year-old Neil Bayles worries that the money from his scaffolding business might not be safe in the bank. In the meantime, he has cut back spending and is "thinking about putting off my wedding."

In Hong Kong, 40-year-old housewife Cat Lee joins a crowd glued to screens at a brokerage, but says she is too scared for buying.

"It's a question of confidence now. Before, people were always scared of losing out on a rebound, but nobody dares enter the market now," she says.

Buenos Aires businessman Nelson Lempert, 37, hopes off a trip to Cuba for the technology company where he works, fearing global uncertainty and the impact of drying up dollar-based credit and debt during travel.

At a bakery shop in Paris, Leila Mohand, 38, says some people are cutting back on their purchases already and though "we're doing fine here ... I've heard plenty of customers say they're worried about what all this crisis talk really means. I think it will hit us eventually."

For Just Fekete, a 22-year-old student in Ljubljana, Slovenia, the situation makes it "even more improbable I could get a bank loan to buy a house or a car. I have no money to speak of right now."

In Ireland, Adam Dzieplinski, 30, is finding it more difficult to make ends meet even if he has found construction work after leaving his native Poland. "But I believe the country will pull through. I'm staying here, I'm still better off here than in Poland," he says. *Reuters*



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By Nancy C. Carvajal

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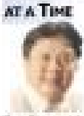
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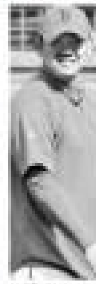
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SMC joins queue to acquire Philamlife

Possible deal will serve to boost stock of food and beverage giant

By Doris C. Dumlao and Elizabeth Sanchez-Lucero

FOOD AND BEVERAGE GIANT SAN MIGUEL CORP. HAS JOINED the throng of suitors interested in acquiring the country's largest and most profitable insurer, Philippine American Life and General Insurance Co. (Philamlife).

"San Miguel will listen to any good deal," SMC vice chair and president Ramon Ang yesterday told the Inquirer, when asked about the firm's possible bid for Philamlife.

Industry sources earlier said that Philamlife had caught Ang's eye as soon as news broke out that the insurer's parent firm, the American International Group (AIG), had been rocked by cash woes as a result of the financial meltdown in the United States. AIG later had to obtain an $85-billion lifeline from the Reserve Bank of New York.

SMC is the fourth local group to officially express interest in AIG's crown jewel in the Philippines—after the Tycoon group, Ayala group and the state-owned Government Service and Insurance System.

At present, SMC is bent on becoming a well-diversified conglomerate.

Goldman Sachs, San Miguel's financial advisor, earlier suggested to the company to invest in new high-growth businesses, such as power generation or transmission, public utilities, mining and infrastructure.

SMC had said it was seriously considering investing as much as P50 billion, or roughly $1 billion, to develop new engines of growth to further augment the gains it had made with its current core businesses.

San Miguel is the market leader in the Philippine food, beverage and packaging arena. It has cash assets of P103.2 billion ($2.2 billion) as of June 30, 2008. It also has an interest in Bank of Commerce.

The acquisition of the country's biggest life insurer will only serve to boost SMC's stock. It will not only allow San Miguel to venture into the insurance and fund management business, it will also preserve the bulk of Philamlife's workforce which, according to analysts, may be affected if another institution were to acquire the insurer.

AIG has set three criteria for potential bidders:

- It has to have a strong, reputable brand name;
- It has to be financially sound; and,
- It has to fit Philamlife's employees and stakeholders into its strategic plans, while it sustains the insurer's growth potential.

Philamlife has about P143 billion worth of insurance contracts with over one million policyholders in the Philippines. With about 1,500 employees at present, Philamlife's net worth is estimated at P51 billion. It also has about P100 billion in assets.

Consolidated assets and net worth are P170 billion and P49.5 billion, respectively.

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Market marks 5th day of loss, peso rebounds to 47.39:$1

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lucero and Doris C. Dumlao

STOCKS SLUMPED TO A FRESH LOW IN over two years on bargain hunting following a coordinated rate cut by global central banks, dealers said.

Marking its fifth day of losses, the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) slid 0.8 percent or 19.3 points to finish at 2,288.44—its lowest close since Aug. 29, 2006 when it settled at 2,274.51.

The broader all-shares index also dipped 0.62 percent or 8.49 points to 1,465.29. There were 28 gainers as opposed to 60 losers with 50 shares unchanged.

Turnover totaled 1.225 billion shares worth P2.238 billion ($47.5 million).

The coordinated move by five central banks to cut interest rates allowed the peso to rebound against the US dollar yesterday.

The peso opened at the day's low of 47.80 but closed at the day's high of 47.39, gaining from Wednesday's finish at 47.73 against the greenback.

"We're seeing a technical bounce ... [but] it doesn't mean we are out of the woods yet. After the global interest rate cuts by central banks, it's still a work in progress," said Jerome Gonzales, head of research at Philequity Fund Inc., referring to the measures undertaken to head off the US-led financial crisis.

"Downside has been capped as investors realize that measures being implemented globally will take time before they can affect the mainstream," DBP Daiwa Securities research head Ron Rodrigo said. Dana Jessie Manzanilla. "They are here on a wait-and-see mode," he said.

Rodrigo said the market was due for a technical rebound Friday, although US equities will continue to provide a cue.

Central banks in Asia reportedly followed in the steps of the United States and Europe when it decided to cut key interest rates to soothe nervous global markets. This move prompted a cautious rebound in the region.

Taiwan and South Korea cut their key

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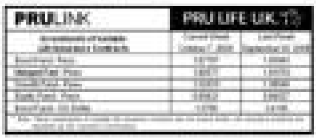
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By Doris C. Dumlao



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Meeting of the minds

Despite crunch, hotels thrive with corporate clients



MANILA Peninsula



MANDARIN Oriental

By Margie C. [illegible]
Contributor

BUSINESSES have the option to hold meetings, product launches, formal dinners and social functions in their offices. But de luxe hotels are often the choice.

"The trend in all hotels is to be all inclusive," says Peninsula Manila's general manager, [illegible]. "Clients don't have to keep asking. When they make an arrangement, everything is taken cared from setup and other requirements."

[illegible], Hotel InterContinental Manila's director of meetings and events, says that in Makati hotels, 60 percent of the events in the function rooms are offered by corporations. "If companies want to showcase to other groups, doing it at the hotel makes a good impression. A five-star hotel lends prestige."

She cites September to December as the peak months for conventions, year-end meetings and corporate socials, and January for the planning the year.

Sunlight has become a premium in booking a function room because of its subtle psychological effect on the room inhabitants. They also want to gaze their eyes on green views for [illegible] PowerPoint presentations and flip-chart readings.

Christine [illegible], [illegible]'s assistant director for banquet and sales, observes that clients' needs are more sophisticated and equally demand value for money. "Previously a simple function room was okay to [illegible]

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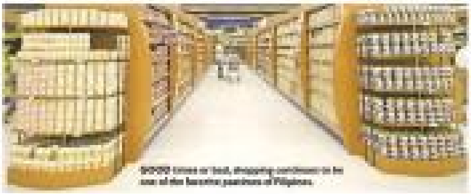
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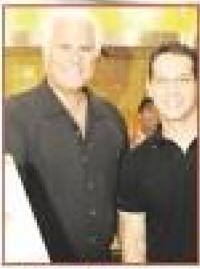
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THE ALL-TIME CLASSIC Filipino adobo dish has been "pizza-fied."

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VINCENT Cruz, owner of Ben Mason and The Blue Plate Specials

CANNES LIONS AND HAYMARKET JOIN FORCES TO RELAUNCH SPIKES INTO A MAJOR ADVERTISING FESTIVAL FOR ASIA

London, 8 October 2008 – The International Advertising Festival, the organisers of Cannes Lions, Dubai Lynx and Eurobest, and Haymarket Media Ltd, the publishers of Media and Campaign, have entered into an agreement to partner and relaunch Spikes - Asian Advertising Awards into a major advertising festival for Asia.

The Spikes, established by Media magazine in 1986, has celebrated creativity in advertising for over 22 years. Held in Bali for the past three years, it has consistently sought to raise the bar for creative excellence and has been instrumental in putting Asian advertising on the global stage.

The new joint venture, Spikes Asia - The 1st Asian Advertising Festival, will build the event into the region's largest forum for individuals involved in creativity and communications. It will be the region's must attend event, attracting art directors, creatives, copywriters, media agency executives, clients, account managers, agency heads, producers, directors and journalists from the region and globally.

The annual event will take place in September. Launching in 2009, it is expected to be held in Singapore - a destination with world-class facilities and the capacity to grow Spikes Asia.

During the festival, delegates will be able to view the most extensive exhibition of creative work from Asia, attend unique topical seminars and workshops and honour winning work at gala awards ceremonies.

The awards competition will be open to companies who produce work that runs in Asia, with the judging conducted live during the event. Five juries composed of top international and regional creatives and industry experts, each led by a jury president will judge the entries and award the coveted Spikes Asia trophy to the best in press, film, outdoor, radio, cyber, integrated, direct & promo, media, craft, and design.

As part of the event's commitment to developing young talent in the region, the festival will roll out the Young Tigers competition in 2009. This programme will also give young creatives and students a world-class experience during Spikes Asia and an opportunity to learn and be inspired by the best creative minds in the industry.

Terry Savage, Chairman of Cannes Lions, said: "We are committed to bringing a great event to Asia. Haymarket has a similar vision and we felt the power of Cannes and the power of Haymarket is a compelling combination that will be well received by the market."

Tim Waldron, Managing Director of Haymarket Asia, said: "This venture with Cannes will allow us to accelerate our growth strategy for the Spikes. The Spikes is one of the toughest trophies to win regionally and we believe that is down to the quality of judging. Cannes Lions have that same view, so the decision to work together in building the most important and prestigious awards festival in the region was an easy one."

Phil Thomas, CEO of Cannes Lions, said: "We aim to build a series of world class regional events to support our global event Cannes Lions. Spikes Awards already has traction in the region and with our festival expertise we will grow the festival into a major force in the region."

BUSINESS *Friday*

'Is it true the poor give more than the rich?'

MARKETING Rx
Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

Q. WE'RE A MEDIUM-SIZED NGO BASED in the Visayas. After reading your social marketing book and attending your social marketing seminar, we have adopted and are now practicing your social marketing approach to social interventions. We've heard that you did a nationwide survey of the Filipino giving behavior and presented the results recently.

We did not know about that presentation. Otherwise, we would not have missed it. From our friends who were there however, we heard that one of the things you highlighted was the unbelievable finding that "the poor actually give more than the rich." But is this really true? And how can that happen?

We're asking because this is the kind of data that has practical implications for our fund raising. We remember your telling us during your social marketing seminar that if we treat fund raising as a social marketing campaign, we get to focus on the need to change the public behavior of our intended stakeholder segment. In this case, that's the giving behavior. It's the giving behavior of those whom we've all along assumed is the rich segment including the middle class. They are our campaign's target giver segment. But your survey suggests this is the wrong giver segment to go after or at least should be a lower priority target segment.

So please explain to us your survey finding and tell us how true it is. We also will appreciate your letting us know if we are wrong in our segmentation of the giver market.

A. That I conducted a nationwide survey of the Filipino giving behavior is correct. SWS did the data collection and processing. So there should be no question then about the survey's scientific and statistical validity.

That I recently presented the survey results is only somewhat correct. The "recent" presentation you're referring to was last Sept. 4, 2008 at the new [illegible] Salon conference center at the Gateway Mall in Cubao on the occasion of the 3rd Fund Raising Congress. The survey's first presentation was March 22, 2008 at the Equitable PCI auditorium in Makati. Then a few months later, I gave a second presentation at the Aquino Convention Center in Tarlac. [illegible] for Fund Raising sponsored and funded the survey as well as its three presentations. If you are in [illegible]'s database, you should have been in at least one of these presentations. So please register or renew your NGO's registration with [illegible].

'It's true'

Most attendees of the survey presentation asked your question: "Is it really true that the poor give more than the rich?" And the answer is: "Yes, that is indeed really very true." Here's the survey data support for this conclusion.

The survey's metric for "giving power" followed my social marketing book's definition of a giver segment "market size." Let's start with what a segment market size is not. It's NOT equal to only that giver segment's population size. Segment market size is the product of that giver segment's population size times its two multipliers: (1) that segment's average frequency of giving, and (2) that segment's average amount given per giving occasion. In short:

Giver segment market size = (Giver segment population size) x (Average frequency of giving) x (Average amount given per giving occasion)

Because the survey data about giver segment population size is in percent giver

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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

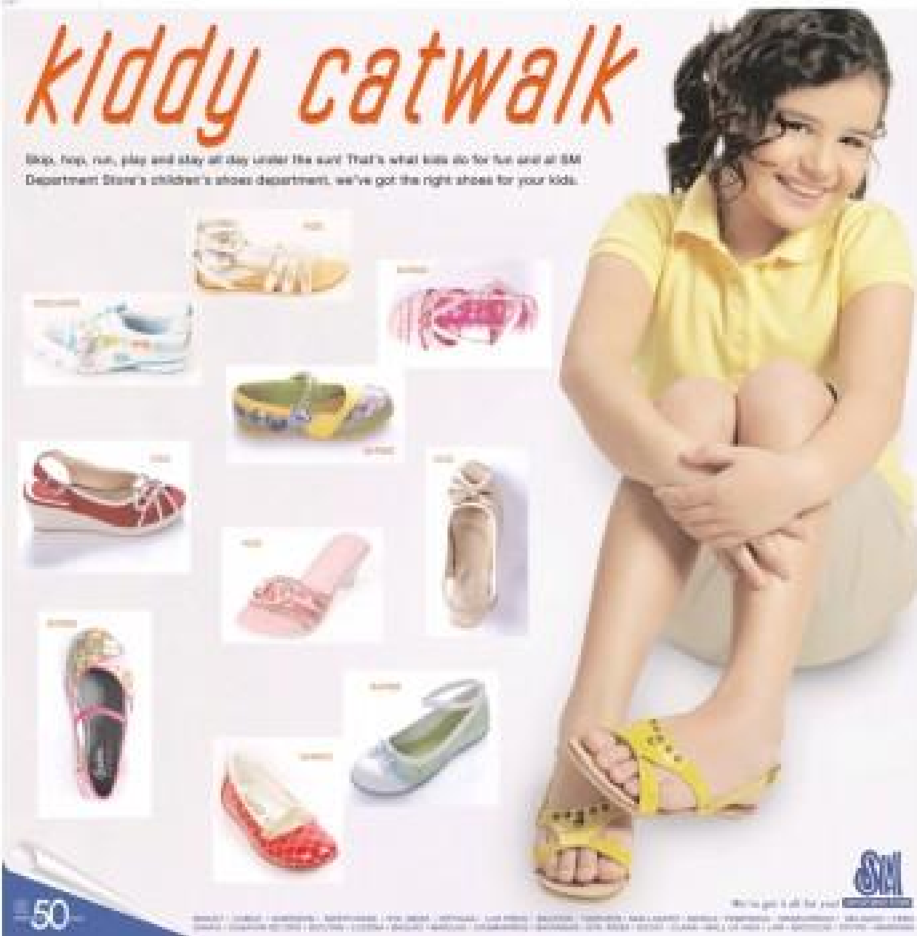




Young women and designers trying to update Filipiniana

It's tough in this day and age. Where do you wear them? How? Here are smart ideas

COULD IT BE TRUE that Filipinos have no affection for the national dress?



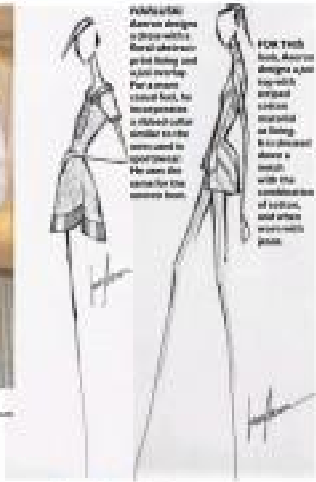


FOR A MODERN Maria Clara, Cordero designs an organdy top with a piña ... taffeta skirt with a taffeta tape. At right, a modern terno ... also by Cordero





SISTERS-IN-LAW Kit and Lizzie Zobel at the Amorsolo dinner



[illegible] Aurelio designs a dress with a floral abstract print lining and ... For a more casual look, he incorporates a ribbed collar ... He uses the same for the ... look.

FOR THIS look, Aurelio designs a pair ... [illegible]

Young women and designers trying to update Filipiniana

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Ladlable so she could get more mileage out of her gowns. "I have to be practical," she says, referring to the many functions she must attend with her husband.

Labor-intensive

Filipiniana is also labor-intensive, notes Dazl Cabral, who makes ternos for Lani Mercado, wife of Sen. Bong Revilla, and Sen. Loren Legarda, among others. A designer, however, can do only so much if the client isn't into it. [illegible] Cabral adds with a chuckle.

Designers are constantly challenged to create pieces that look more modern to appeal to today's customer. For instance, they substitute satin, chiffon, taffeta for piña and jusi. For butterfly sleeves, Dennis Lustico checks the traditional round shape for one with "corners".

Still, there are some who are undaunted, even attracted by old Filipiniana wear. Mia Borromeo, a consultant for Philippine Tatler and Colombia, collects silk ... and fabrics. She's a proud owner of a vintage Ramon Valera terno from the 1960s, handed down to her by an aunt.

"My Filipiniana pieces are old," she says proudly, among them gifts from her ... Sen. Loren Legarda and Cojuangco. She likes to mix vintage with new stuff. Borromeo ... with barong Tagalog.

This is just the kind of inspired style that ... to inspire more young Filipinas.

In the recent Amorsolo dinner at Makati Shangri-La, Cordero noted the style of sisters-in-law Lizzie and Kit Zobel.

Lizzie wore a ... Maria Clara top without ... so it slid off one shoulder ... images of the national dress as stiff and itchy.

"[illegible] ... There's so much that can be done. Clients just need to accept them," Cordero says.

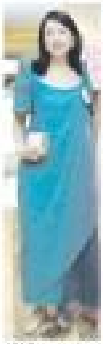
To prove this point, Cordero, Laurel, Lustico, with Inquirer's Aurelio and Joey Samson suggest ideas on these pages on how the modern Filipina can incorporate Filipiniana into her wardrobe.



CORDERO'S variations of the Maria Clara



INSPIRED by the patadyong, Dennis Lustico designs a long back cap with ... collar and sleeves with wide panels (left) and an A-line dress with lace overlay and ... ruffled sleeves.





MIA Borromeo in a terno gown by Sen. Loren Legarda (left) and Lulu Tan-Gan in her own design at the Amorsolo dinner



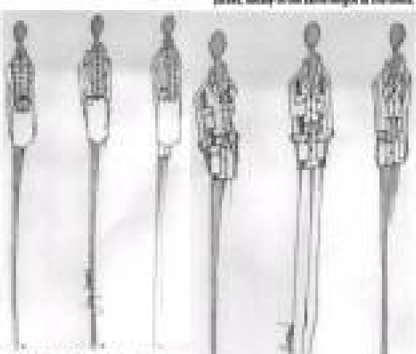
SOFIA Elizalde in a Maria Clara at the Amorsolo dinner



AUDREY Zubiri in a Rajo Laurel terno

RAJO Laurel ... with belts.

JOEY Samson designs a barong ... dress with drawstring waist (below right) ... in a trendy color like fluorescent blue. It can also be worn with ... navy or black trousers, or with a boyfriend's jacket, ideally of the same length as the dress.





LAUREL suggests pairing a "... " ... barong with ... skirt from Marawi



FOR THIS look, Samson's foundation piece is a barong ... of cotton or ... A skinny belt (in black gray or tan) cinches it at the waist. The ... will also go well with a navy cropped jacket with ¾ sleeves or ... shorts.



The shorts
Loose and lounge is the way to go this season when choosing shorts. Be bold and top your look with a plaid fedora!



The blouse
Long-sleeved and ruffled, this style gives the secretary's blouse a modern twist. Pair it with a black miniskirt to achieve proportion.



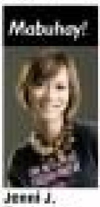
The dress
This season's checkered dress is best paired with tattered jeans and booties for a more "city" than "farm" look.



The skirt
Office attire? Check. Plaid pencil skirts look boardroom-worthy when paired with a muted-color long-sleeved tee.

Mad about plaid

Long live tartan—once royal cloth, now a cutting-edge fashion staple



Mabuhay!
Jessi J. Epperson

THE LAST TIME WE saw the fashion landscape afflicted with a plaid fad was during the grunge era of the '90s—a time replete with long hair, ripped jeans and big, bad Doc Martens.

Thanks to iconic alternative bands like Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, plus a classic Aerosmith video starring Alicia Silverstone as a [illegible] girl, plaid and flannel became a mainstay staple for all rock-star wannabes and groupies.

Now, plaid is making a huge comeback, but it's singing a different tune far removed from any grungy, rolled-out-of-bed look.

Designers like Dolce & Gabbana, Missoni and Ralph Lauren have been churning out polished runway looks, bringing back royalty to the tartan, the beloved cloth of Her Majesty the Queen.

There is more to plaid than the distinguishable patterned print. Most associated with the Scottish folk worn as a clan uniform, plaid traces its history to ancient Scottish clans. The tartan material was originally a sort of distinguishing uniform for the many clans in the highlands and islands of Scotland.

It was generally made of linen, and although the earliest references to this garment described it as light-colored, it might have been of a darker yellow shade. Later on, colored stripes were incorporated to indicate the rank of the wearer. For instance, a High King wore seven stripes, one of them being purple, the color of royalty.

Mismatching

Eventually plaid grew from being little better than a rug to a long piece of material between 12 and 18 feet in length, which the highlanders would place around their waists in folds and pull over their heads like a hood for use as a blanket at night.

By 1730, the cloth had evolved from simple stripes and patterns into what is called tartan today, from the French word tartaine.

Modern uses for plaid incorporate some mismatching checkered techniques. Take D&G, which ignited the plaid reincarnation with an array of twin-sets over calf-grazing kilts and long blazers that topped full skirts in mismatched tartan, complete with checked tights and silk handkerchiefs tied just below the chin.

The closing [illegible] was bedecked in floor-sweeping plaid chiffon dresses paired with golden-heeled patent leather boots.

Ralph Lauren came up with unexpected combinations like a high-necked gown that flowed out below the knees, and a cashmere plaid shirt buttoned to reveal some bling—a big, glam necklace—and tucked into a sassy tulle skirt covered in beads and feathers.

Missoni's take on tartan showed plaid skirt suits, along with A-line color-blocked dresses.

Shown here are some modern plaid takes on dress, shorts, diaper pants, coat, pencil skirt and tops.

E-mail the author at [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph



The coat
Cute check: An A-line checkered coat is always in style. Pair it with black booties and fishnet stockings for a sweet and spicy look!



The pants
Harem pants are all the rage this season. If you want to push the style envelope, opt for plaid diaper pants and use the scarf as a necktie.

The latest 'It' bags


GUCCI Hysteria large top handle bag

GUCCI'S CRYSTAL GG COLLECTION features a special fabrication that was first employed on key Gucci products in the late 1960s. It's a traditional GG canvas with a sleek, glistening coating.

With the iconic double GG jacquard fabric covered in a glassy glaze, each piece in this innovative collection creates a striking effect. The Crystal GG allows for a vibrant and shiny surface that is also remarkably malleable. Unexpected details such as leather piping, leather tassels, rich embroidery and large gold heart-shaped crests with the Gucci logo, complement the distinctively shiny coating.

Crystal GG comes in several lines: the Babouska, which highlights the Bohemian glamour with a modern rock n' roll mood; Joy, which combines a cheerful and stylish attitude that's a perfect everyday companion; Hysteria, with spacious, featherweight handbags; and Indy, a Gucci classic that's reminiscent of the iconic 1990s hobo bag, and features a Beechwood bow handle, long leather tassels and metal plating on the base.

In the Philippines, Gucci shoes, bags and accessories are exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. and are available at the Gucci boutique in Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati.


GUCCI Babouska top handle bag with flap


GUCCI Babouska medium and large Boston bags with flower fabric embroidery


KATE Spade Barcelona Dyan bag in Porcelain; below, Nanna tote bag in Multicolor


KATE Spade Elke bags



Kate Spade goes femme fatale

FILM heroines of the '60s and '70s inspire sophistication, drama and glamour of Kate Spade's new collection. It resonates with the polish and cool elegance of legendary cinematic icons by actresses like Catherine Deneuve in "Belle De Jour" or Anne Bancroft in "The Graduate."

Set against the dramatic backdrop of Manhattan, the collection combines tonal richness and lightness in equal measure. Femininity is tempered by strength, delicacy by boldness. The feeling is one of powerful, unerring style and sophistication.

Key silhouettes include the sleek Jocelyn clutch and the trim Paula shoulder bag which features a delicate gold chain. Subtle in their lines but a bit stronger in scale are the handheld Wiks, the generous weekender duffel and the shapely over-the-shoulder Elise.

In the Philippines, Kate Spade is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. and is located at The Power Plant Mall, Greenbelt 3, Rustan's Makati, and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Burberry's Lowry bag


BURBERRY Lowry bag rusting green ribbon faced leather

BURBERRY introduces the Lowry, inspired by the mood, spirit and color palette evoked in paintings by the British artist, L. S. Lowry. High fashion and functionality make the Lowry bag a necessity for women with busy schedules and glamorous lifestyles. Each bag is equipped with lined pockets for holding mobile phones, MP3 players, PDAs and beauty essentials.

Texture is a key feature in this season's collection, with a range of fabrications including pleated alligator, ruched ribbon, sparing, degradé suede leather, leather with metal stitches and sprayed creased leather.

In the Philippines, Burberry is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. and located at Greenbelt 4, Rustan's Department Store Makati, and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.


BURBERRY Lowry bag ... degradé suede


BURBERRY Lowry bag Bordeaux corrugated alligator leather

Banana Republic is 20

BANANA Republic celebrates its 20th anniversary through a classic fall advertising campaign that captures and honors the brand's heritage of delivering the best in city style. The new campaign focuses on signature Banana Republic wardrobe elements, such as the crisp white shirt and classic chino pants, while also highlighting new brand extensions, including fragrance, eyewear and accessories.

Shot by acclaimed photographer Tom Munro on location in the West Village and at Milk Studios in New York City, the campaign features models Carolyn Murphy and Will Chalker, and was styled by George Cortina.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, Banana Republic has created a limited-edition booklet, called "City Insider Guide" to inspire shoppers to explore and discover new hot spots in cities worldwide. It will offer consumers a peek at the best local restaurants, bars and museums and offer fashion advice on the must-have city looks for the season.

The "Guide" cements Banana Republic's passions of style, art, food and travel, and has allowed the brand to forge exciting collaborations with other companies. For a limited time Banana Republic will be offering shoppers a variety of opportunities from partners Ayala Museum and Bravo Filipino by Chef Laudico.

Banana Republic is exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Casual Clothing Specialists Inc., member of the Rustan's Group of Companies, and is available at Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Makati.


CLASSIC trench, tie-neck printed blouse, ... wide-leg pants, ... sunglasses and shoulder bag


WILSHIRE Convertible

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

Nedy Tantoco's hand evident in Rustan's fashion show

Luxury retail is back with a vengeance



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TO HERALD THE NEW, RUSTAN'S brings back the classic way of doing luxury retail. [illegible]



ENRICO Pucci top [illegible]

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Nedy Tantoco's hand evident . . .





LOYAL clients shop the looks from The Galleria's launch.



EXCLUSIVE selection of designer brands in classy setting

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evidently the mark of Rustan's new president Nedy Tantoco.

When she managed the department store in the '70s, she became known as the retail icon, her mantra with meticulous eye for detail and razor-sharp reading of the market.

When she took over the chain's helm again in July, Tantoco said she foresees her leadership would reiterate on merchandising. "A little woman's touch," she said, is all Rustan's needs.

The Galleria launch, it seems, is just a preview of new and exciting things to come.



SM Residences:

Five-star quality homes you can afford

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Leading Italian fashion brand opens 2nd Manila store

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THE NEW Bottega Veneta store in Rustan's Makati

British hairstylist now salon's technical director





PAUL Ashton

Fitness store holds big sale

Goings On



Intercon bazaars

Bridal show

German Expo set

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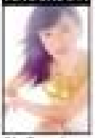
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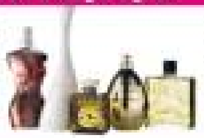
When to throw away mascara, plus more tips

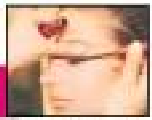
KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

> If your mascara starts smelling funny, don't even risk using it again







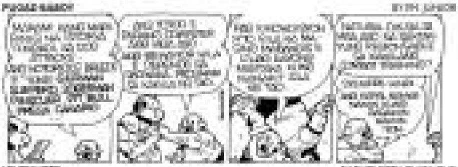
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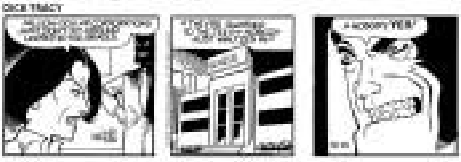
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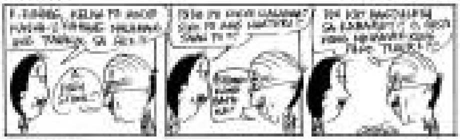


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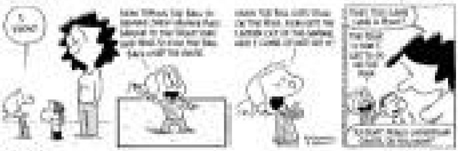
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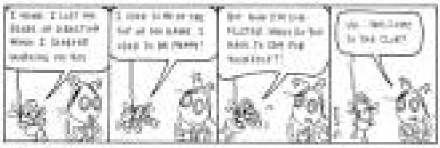


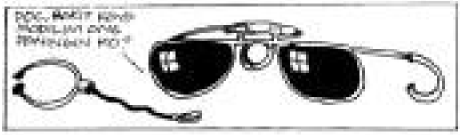
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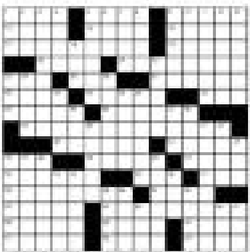


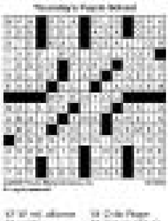


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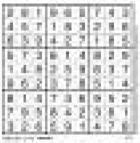
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



Remedies for holiday makeup hassles

MAKEOVER 911



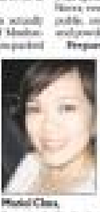
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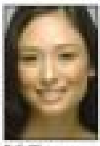
LOOK your best at work.

How to look fresh on hectic workdays



Michel Chua

Enjoy the benefits of being fit



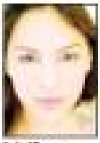


Include strength training, cardiovascular exercise and a nutritious diet in your routine



Moisturize, hydrate and nourish skin

"Nature gives you the face you have at 20; it is up to you to merit the face you have at 50."
—Coco Chanel







Charmagne de Guzman, model

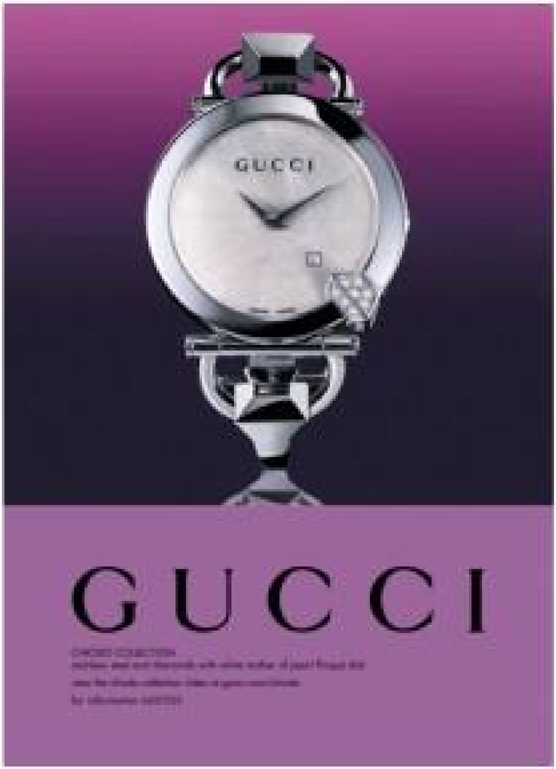
Marina Benipayo, model

Sandra Gfeller, restaurateur & painter

How to moisturize

Do's and don'ts





'Revolutionary' anti-aging line holds inaugural sale



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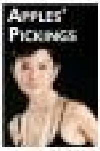
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Inspired creations at friendly prices

C2 fans will love Eala's tongue-in-cheek design shirts that channel Murakami

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

WE SCOURED THE metro for exciting new stuff and discovered quite a few finds. From the latest Pilipinas shirts by Rhett Eala to relatively new brands like 8 and a Half and 101 New York, here are fab finds that are sure to tickle your fashion fancy.

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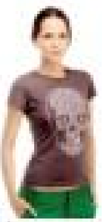
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MY FILIPINAS dress



ESCAPE



DON'T Pants



SUPER Filipino

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Inspired creations at friendly prices

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GO FOR plaid. It's all the rage this season.



CHANNEL Audrey Hepburn in a trench dress à la "Breakfast at Tiffany's."



CREATE drama with a hip hoodie combined with a classic cardigan and crisp button-down.



A BASIC zip-up sweater [illegible]



A FEDORA and a simple ruched tube dress [illegible]

Big Apple style

101 NEW YORK OFFERS savvy streetwear blending with urban flair.

The New York-inspired clothing comes in a wide array of styles for both men and women. Classic, versatile and wearable pieces are given contemporary makeovers with a pleat, a ruche or a little tuck here and there.

You can easily dress up (or down) any of the items from this collection to take you from day to night affairs. Plus, pieces are easy to mix and match, and personalize with the use of accessories.

Prices range from as low as P499 for a top to P2,999 for a jacket.

Make room in your closet for 101 New York available at Landmark Department Store in Makati and Trinoma, Robinson's Place Manila; with free standing stores in Robinsons Place Manila, SM City Pampanga and soon in SM Fairview and SM Megamall.



GO GLAM with a [illegible]



A [illegible]

From RTW to made-to-order

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Virtual fashions

FASHION picks

Go Fug Yourself
http://gofugyourself.celebuzz.com

Visit the domain of Heather and Jessica, self-appointed fashion police for celebrities. Posts are categorized by celebrity names so if you want to spend your afternoon reading about Lindsay Lohan's strange attachment to leggings, all you have to do is click away. Other repeat offenders include Jessica Simpson, Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and the Olsen twins. This blog is hilarious, entertaining and proves one thing—all the money and fame in the world can't buy taste.

TheSartorialist
http://thesartorialist.blogspot.com

This blog proudly declares that it has been selected as one of Time Magazine's Top 100 Design Influencers. And why not? Run by Scott Schuman, former director of men's fashion at Bergdorf Goodman in New York, the blog chronicles everyday fashion in select cities in the world. Internet users flock to the site for different reasons—designers head there looking for inspiration while others just want to see what people are wearing.

Shoewawa
http://www.shoewawa.com

If you love shoes, this blog is for you. Designer shoes, heels, flats and sandals—you will find them all in this blog. And if you want to be amazed, check out the Ugly Shoes category, gawk and ask yourself what the designers were thinking when they made satin high-heeled sneakers and chunky shoes with socks attached to them.

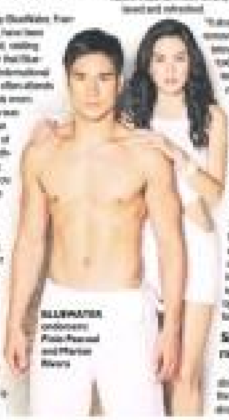
BLUEWATER DAY SPA

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Treatments

Signature massage

Anniversary promo


TAGUIG Mayor Freddie Tiñga and wife Kaye Tiñga at Roch Restaurant


HOME Romulo Tamson, Nini Ongpauco and Sander Tamson at the Coco Restaurant of Centara Grand Hotel


THAI Airways GM Nirut Chantanachock, Imperial Boat House Hotel [illegible], front office manager Khun [illegible] and resident manager Sawang Ongad

Colorful Koh Samui, Thailand


MOI with Buddhist monks


PEPPER Teehankee and Anton San Diego chill out in hammocks.


MAYOR Freddie Tiñga relaxes.


THAI Airlines attendants at Koh Samui

Without Batting an Eyelash



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using [illegible] Photo Solutions

Conclusion

NEXT DAY, WE LEFT at 9:30 a.m. for Angthong National Marine Park.

Jumping on a huge ferry, we sailed to one of the 40 exotically shaped islands. Koh Talab, was the first island, where visitors could feed the fishes, snorkel and view the colorful corals around the deep shore line.

Then we sailed to another island close by. The white sand and coconut groves were a great place to have a light picnic, swim or just relax on the hammocks under the shade of trees, fronting the beach.

The two-hour trip ended too soon, as we were all again driving on the well-paved road while touring the other half of the island, with a stop for an excellent lunch at the five-star The Cliff Restaurant.

Perched on a cliff top, overlooking a white sand bay cove, we dug into the resort's specialties of Thai, as well as Italian and other European dishes of superb quality.

Fully satisfied, we continued our tour to different resorts and a shopping mall, where we just had to stop and grab several Thai condiments and herbs to bottles for our Thai cooking at home.

Our fantastic two women, Kaye Tiñga and Moni Tamson, couldn't resist buying several kilos of the sweetest lanzones in this side of paradise, while I bought bags of fresh lime, something I could never find in Manila, palangga.

Back at the hotel, we had a superb dinner with GM Rudi Opitz of the Imperial Boat House Hotel fronting the beach, under the stars and a gorgeous full moon. It was just heavenly, dahlings.

On our last day, we went to visit the Big Buddha, one of Koh Samui's most famous landmarks, a remarkable temple to the Buddhist faith. Dominating the landscapes, this 12-meter high statue can even be seen from the air.

You have to climb 200 steps to reach the Buddha. At the top, one could see the murals of Buddhist priests around the ground area, where there other smaller temples with Buddhist are found. It's also a great shopping area to shop till you drop, for locally made cloths, souvenirs and art galleries.

Anton San Diego got himself a painting, I got a couple of pure cotton short pants for the beach, Pepper Teehankee and Kaye and Moni bought loads of gifts for their staff and friends back home.

We also visited other Buddhist temple sites close by.

Great dinner

On our last night we had dinner (by reservations only) at the world-class restaurant called On the Rock. It has excellent cuisine, dining under the stars with a breathtaking view of the beach and other resorts on the ground level.

It's highly recommended that you go there for cocktails before dinner and watch the glorious sunset from up this mountain. Then, be prepared also for the slow, and I mean slow service.

By the time you're ready for your second or main course, you'd be ready to sleep. Or maybe, because there were loads of Chivas the night we were there.

I must admit though that Koh Samui's cuisine is among the finest in Thailand.


GIANT Buddhist goddess


AT KOH Samui: Anton San Diego, Pepper Teehankee, Sander and Moni Tamson, Chantanachock, moi, Kaye and Freddie Tiñga


RECEPTIONISTS at the Thai Royal Orchid Spa at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport


ENTERTAINMENT, Thai-style, at the Imperial Boat House Hotel




AERIAL view of the Imperial Boat House Hotel at Koh Samui. (Left) One of several Buddhist shrines in the area.

European and international restaurants are springing up like mushrooms in the island, catering to global visitors. Thai food in particular and Koh Samui's renowned seafood specialties are favorites. Eating out is also inexpensive with a high-quality meal costing as low as US$7 per person. Not bad, huh!

Well, like all good things that have to come to an end, early the following day we were off back to Bangkok.

We had a four-hour wait, but because there were a lot of shops to do one's last-minute shopping, it seemed that time flew so fast.

And, take note, dahlings. Thai Airways has added a new service—the fantastic Thai Royal Orchid Spa. Yes, a spa! It's for all of Thai's first- and business-class passengers at pre-departure!

Before your journey begins, prepare to make your flight full of joy. Forget your stress and just relax by having a complimentary spa treatment consisting of neck and shoulder massage, Meridian foot massage and Touch of Silk, which is a full-body massage.

Jetting back to Manila, I just couldn't help thinking that the wonderful island of Koh Samui is so unique in many enchanting ways, that it certainly will leave a lasting impression on all the visitors.

It's great to know, too, that Thai Airways has included this new choice of destination, making the island more accessible so that more travelers can enjoy this remarkable part of the world, dahlings.

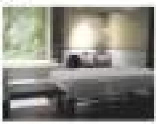
Thai Airways International has 14 flights a week to Bangkok. Call Thai Airways GM Nirut Chantanachock or district sales manager [illegible] at [illegible], e-mail [illegible]@thaiairways.com.ph.


BIG Buddha with 200 steps


MAIN Building and Boat House rooms at Koh Samui's Imperial Hotel


THE ROOM. Orchid Spa's lounge for first- and business-class passengers at the airport


COLORFUL figures, depicting episodes in Thai history, at the shopping area of Koh Samui


TOUCH of Silk massage and facial room at Royal Orchid Spa


THE WIDE beach seen fronting Captain's Choice Restaurant of the Imperial Boat House

LIVING Stars
Editor Ernesto G. Velardo





Feels safe up here

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photo By Rudy Esparo

FILIPINO-AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS Iya Villania says she feels safer living in a high-rise condo rather than in a townhouse.

"Security is tight here. Visitors go through constant checks. The guards take down the guests' names and demand IDs. My mom [Ellen] and I feel secure this way," Iya says of her four-bedroom unit in the building near the posh Wack Wack Village in Mandaluyong City.

Iya describes the 148-sq m spread as "relaxing, laid-back and very cool, homey-ish." To achieve this look, Iya commissioned interior designers Jim Jimenez and Rodel Bartolo. She also got framed art pieces by Reno Lapid, whose color scheme matches that of the house.

The walls, all done by artist Gina Beroi, differ in design and shades. Iya's bedroom is painted in blue and red, while Mommy Ellen's is in green and white. Purple and red are the dominant colors in the living area. For the powder room, the actress said, Beroi created an "aboriginal" design, which "reminds me of my Aussie roots."

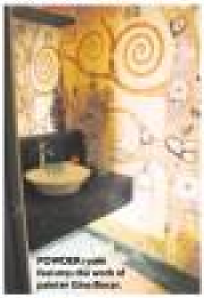
Iya's bedroom has access to both the living area and the veranda. It is also the only room with a glass-stained door. "The paint on the door is supposed to be tea," she says.

Iya's mom adds that most of the furniture

NEXT [illegible]


DECORATIVE dish and wooden platform hung on the wall leading to the main door.


IYA VILLANIA'S work station at home is equipped with a computer, speakers and an electronic keyboard.


POWDER room features the work of painter Gina Beroi.


SIX-SEAT wooden table is positioned in such a way that it highlights the diagonal floor of the dining area.


"RELAXING, laid-back, very cool-house-ish," is how Iya describes her 148-sq. m. flat in Mandaluyong City. Designers Jim Jimenez and Rodel Bartolo helped achieve this look.



Lunchtime on the set

By [illegible] Cruz
Photos by [illegible]

EDDIE GARCIA, PLAYING THE head of a huge corporation, receives devastating news: His beloved grandson and heir is missing.

This was the scene being shot when Living Stars visited last week the Makati City set of the latest GMA 7 telenovela, "La Lola," an adaptation of the Argentine TV series produced by the Dori Media Group.

"La Lola" has been sold to more than 50 countries [illegible] the Philippines including France, Italy, Germany, Russia, the United States.

"Filipinos abroad will be proud of this version," director [illegible] said as he ushered us into the build-



RHIAN Ramos uses the lunch period to catch up on sleep

ing, three floors of which the network has rented for the series.

"We have also put together a set for a condo, a mansion, a townhouse and a mystical world — in different locations," [illegible] said.

Wendell Ramos plays the title role, [illegible] "Lalo" [illegible], a womanizer who is turned into a woman by his ex-GF's sister [illegible], a sorceress.

Said Rhian Ramos, who plays Wendell's female alter ego, Lola, "For me, the challenge is in acting as if I've been a man all my life."

When the cameras stopped rolling at lunch, Rhian spent the break napping. Her co-star, Marvin Agustin, [illegible]

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KITCHIE NADAL

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CRISTINE REYES

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MARVIN Agustin brings his Mac Book, so he can watch movies, like "Dark Knight," during long breaks.

Some stars bring packed meals to the workplace





AT THE CINEMAS

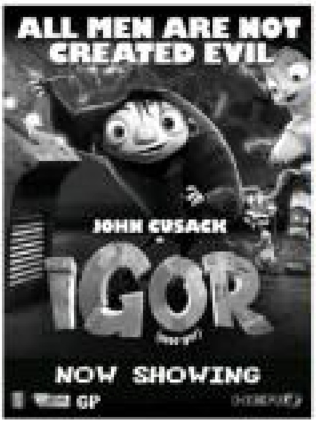
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AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	API MADNESS September 22-October 12, Glorietta Activity Center
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT 1
Alabang Town Center	October 10, Activity Center
Ayala Center Cebu	October 11, Activity Center
Market! Market!	AUTOMATIC CENTER APPLIANCE FAIR, Activity Center
Cinemagic	
Ayala Museum	
TriNoma	PINOY BACKPACKING FESTIVAL with TRAVEL CLUB; APPLIANCE MADNESS, Activity Center

Many furniture pieces were custom-made







VERANDA offers a breathtaking view of the city.



IYA'S BEDROOM opens to both the veranda and the living area.



METALLIC guitar is a Lirio Salvador sculpture titled "Sardinas ni Juan."

Feels safe ...

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pieces, like the dish cabinet and the six-seat wooden dining table, are custom-made. "We used to buy stuff that were either too small or too big. Sayang lang," says Ellen.

A Japanese geisha doll, a gift to Mommy Ellen, is the centerpiece in the dining area. The hallway that leads to the main door features a Lirio Salvador sculpture—"Sardinas ni Juan," a metallic guitar that Iya spotted in one of Capili's exhibits. "The guitar actually works," the actress says.

Ellen recounts, "The designers told me, 'Mommy, 'di na po pwede dito ang ordinaryong electric fan.' So I raided furniture shops and found this vintage piece for the salas." It cost P13,000.

The kitchen is compact, with a floor made of glossy granite. "I wish this area were bigger. It's hard to cook Iya's favorite kare-kare, adobo and lechon in such a small kitchen," says Ellen.

The veranda was a "project" of "At Home Ka Dito," a now-defunct magazine show on the Kapamilya network. "The perfect time to hang out there is at night. It has a spectacular view of the city," Iya says.

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FRAMED photos of Iya's mom Ellen, dad Ray and sisters Rhoda and Sheila



ARTWORK by Ross Capili matches the overall color motif.



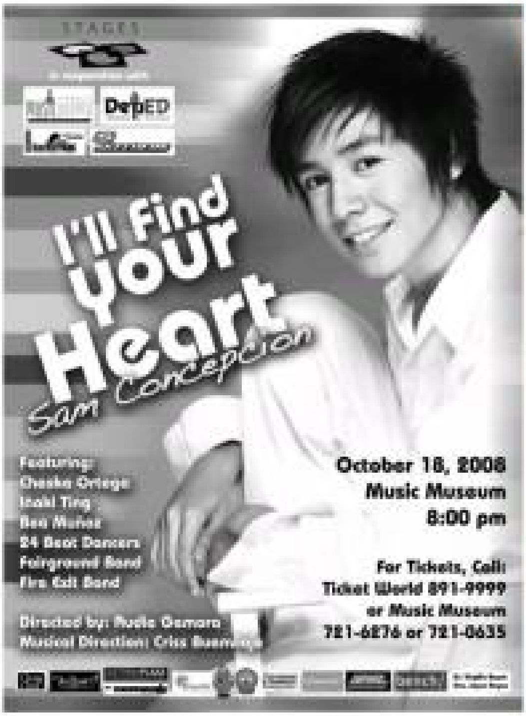
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GLASS-etched door features Iya's portrait

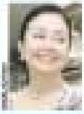


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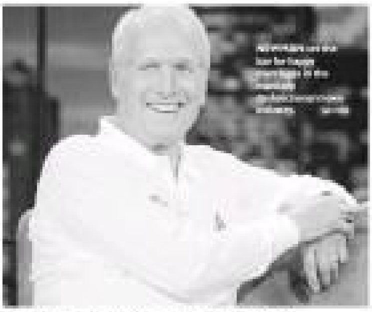
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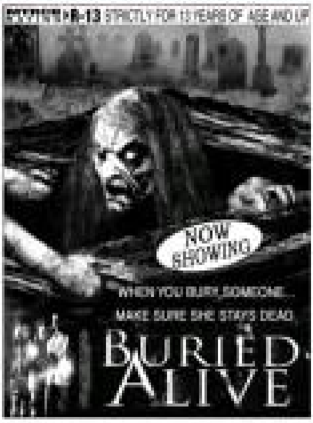
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